

## ***MARAD Bids Fair Winds and Following Seas to John Jamian***

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*(Photo by Fred Hoffmann, James River Reserve Fleet)*

***Deputy Maritime Administrator John Jamian at the helm of a tug boat at the James River Reserve Fleet before a news conference announcing the departure of the 50th and 51st ships for disposal. Curt Michanczyk, Office of Ship Disposal, to the left of Jamian.***

On May 1, 2006, Former Deputy Maritime Administrator John Jamian resigned from his post at MARAD to return to private industry. He had served at MARAD since May 2003, after being appointed to the position by President George W. Bush.

Mr. Jamian said his most important accomplishment while at MARAD was building the agency's response to the stricken Gulf Coast after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He blazed a new trail by leading MARAD and its Ready Reserve Force in an unprecedented response to a domestic catastrophe.

"We had to build a lightning-speed response through MARAD's national security office because the victims in the Gulf Coast were not in a position to wait. There was an incredible group of MARAD employees from Headquarters and the regions that made all of this possible," said Jamian.

Jamian said he hopes MARAD will continue to improve its national disaster and security responses, become more involved

in assisting the U.S. ports system to handle both congestion and environmental issues and that the Office of Economics and Data Analysis becomes better equipped to produce true maritime economic statements. "I hope all our hard work with SEA 21 will serve as a foundation for new programs to meet the needs of the industry. The industry is changing at a very rapid pace. MARAD must be able to adapt these changes to provide valued service."

Mr. Jamian has been appointed to lead and develop the newly-formed Seaway Great Lakes Trade Association, with offices in Detroit and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Jamian's role as president of the not-for-profit organization will be to promote cooperation and responsible use of the U.S. Great Lakes' and St. Lawrence Seaway's environmental and commercial resources.